

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 450

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH (for himself and Mr. MEADOWS) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Crimes  
5       Against Veterans Act of 2019”.

6       **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL TOOL TO PREVENT CERTAIN FRAUDS**  
7       **AGAINST VETERANS.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 63 of title 18, United  
9       States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10      lowing:

1   **“§ 1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

2           “(a) Whoever knowingly executes, or attempts to exe-  
3   cute, any scheme or artifice to defraud an individual of  
4   veterans’ benefits, or in connection with obtaining vet-  
5   eran’s benefits for that individual, shall be fined under this  
6   title, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

7           “(b) In this section—

8                   “(1) the term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given  
9           that term in section 101 of title 38; and

10                   “(2) the term ‘veterans’ benefits’ means any  
11           benefit provided by Federal law for a veteran or a  
12           dependent or survivor of a veteran.”.

13           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
14   at the beginning of chapter 63 of title 18, United States  
15   Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
16   item:

“1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

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